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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEPATENTApplicants: **David S. Bonalle, et al.**Attorney Docket No.: **70655.3100**Serial No.: **10/710,334**; Confirmation No.: **4333**Group Art Unit: **2876**Filed: **July 1, 2004**Examiner: **Karl D. French**Title: **METHOD FOR REGISTERING A BIOMETRIC FOR USE WITH A
SMARTCARD-READER SYSTEM****REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on January 27, 2005, wherein this Reply is filed with a three-month request for extension of time, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.